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Presbyterian Trains For Young Ministers

Presbyterian College, in its primary role as a training center for ministerial candidates, presents this report on its work:

More than 300 alumni—approximately 10 percent—are now serving as ministers and missionaries throughout the world.

Sixty-one students now enrolled at Presbyterian College have dedicated themselves to the ministry of Christ. This number represents approximately 13 percent of the student body and the largest single career group, exceeded only by students planning to enter the general category of "business".

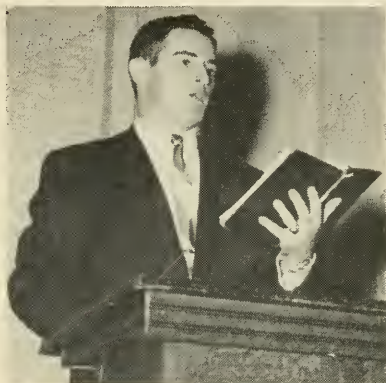
Theological seminaries now have 36 Presbyterian College graduates studying to receive Bachelor of Divinity degrees and five other alumni taking graduate work in theology.

The most recent graduating classes given seminary degrees last June found 16 PC alumni finishing requirements to become ordained ministers and nine others completing graduate work.

Second Semester Opens

Presbyterian College will begin the second semester of its 74th session on February 3.

Registration is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. that day and classwork opening the new semester will begin on February 4.



Tommy Stallworth . . . Ministerial Candidate from Atlanta.

Work on Dormitory To Begin in March

Plans move forward toward an early start on construction of the new dormitory at Presbyterian College.

President Marshall W. Brown has announced he expects ground to be broken on the project sometime during the first week in March. The architects have agreed to have the building ready to use at the start of the first semester next fall.

Detailed specifications will be given to contractors around the middle of February, Dr. Brown said, and the contractors' bids should be returned by the latter part of that month.

The architect for the new dormitory, estimated to cost approximately \$200,000, is the firm Six Associates, Incorporated, of Asheville, N. C.

'True in its traditions...'

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Every college and university, in some degree, puts its stamp upon an individual.

The stamp of Presbyterian College is that of a wholesome, well-rounded man who walks with an awareness of God.

Presbyterian College is in many ways exceptional, and yet in numerous other ways it is typical of the small liberal arts colleges of this state and nation: unheralded, for the most part, striving on limited funds to produce high quality graduates and succeeding so well in their objective as to receive the special citation of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. A majority of the persons listed in WHO'S WHO, according to this publication, received their training at small liberal arts institutions.

As Presbyterian College moves into its 74 session this fall, it bases its program for youth upon these points: religious training, sympathetic individual attention, sound academic instruction, and physical development through military activity and sports.

Once more this year, the institution is filled with a capacity en-

The PC Campus:

Looking up the Plaza



rollment of just under 500 students—after eight previous sessions during which waiting lists were maintained.

In order to offer wider opportunity—yet still within the bounds of a select student body—one old dormitory has recently been completely renovated, another new dormitory is planned for the near future and the board of trustees is laying the groundwork for an extensive development program.

Dr. Marshall W. Brown, president of PC since 1945 and associated with the institution since 1925, has this to say:

"I believe Presbyterian College, despite the vexing problems confronting all independent schools, is on the threshold of a new era. The controlling Synods of South Carolina and Georgia are ever stronger in their support, and the trustees are making solid plans for the future."

As the strong right arm of these two supporting synods, Presbyterian College has as its primary objective the training of dedicated ministers and laymen. Today, more than 300 PC alumni are serving God as ministers and missionaries in pulpits throughout the world. Approximately 15 percent of the student body each year prepares to enter the active ministry. Other fields in which Presbyterian graduates are especially numerous as lay leaders include: Medicine, law, teaching, business, the armed forces and coaching.

This religious influence is achieved primarily through a broad program of religious activities and the curriculum requirement that each student take at least two years of Bible study.

In addition to sound academic instruction and religious training, the Presbyterian College star also shines brightly in military and sports, two supplements in the development of well-rounded individuals.

All freshmen and sophomores take the basic military course, and select juniors continue their work toward reserve commissions in this General Military unit. Founded in 1919 as one of the first corps of ROTC cadets, the Presbyterian battalion has consistently received recognition as one of the foremost units in the nation. More than 1,000 alumni-at-arms served in World War II, and one—Lt. Col. George Mabry of Sumter—received the highest award for heroism, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Presbyterian offers an athletic program which—in the past three years, for example—has produced state champions in three different sports: tennis, basketball and track. The tennis team, rated among the top ten in the country, has swept to 14 straight state net championships and has produced South Carolina's greatest intercollegiate player in Allen Morris. He recently was named to the full United States Davis Cup squad.

Blue Hose football elevens each year face a topflight schedule which includes four Atlantic Coast and Southern Conference opponents. Competition in baseball and golf also is maintained on an intercollegiate level, and an active intra-mural program is conducted. Presbyterian athletics continues under the direction of Walter A. Johnson, dean of Southern sportsmen, whose name has become synonymous with high sportsmanship.

These are the ingredients which Presbyterian College offers to the youth of South Carolina and of the southeast, and to its constituency within the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

Meet the Faculty

George C. Bellingrath, Academic Dean

The Rev. George C. Bellingrath, academic dean at Presbyterian College for the past six years, has had a varied career in the fields of religion and education.

In addition to his duties as dean, he serves as professor of education and psychology at PC.

Prior to joining the Presbyterian College staff in January, 1949, Dr. Bellingrath was president of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Georgia for ten years. He previously had served Piedmont College of Demorest, Ga., as dean from 1934 to 1936 and then as president, 1936-39.

Dr. Bellingrath is an ordained Presbyterian minister, and much of his early career was spent in this capacity. He served pastorates in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Flushing, N. Y., before directing religious education for the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina (1928-30), and followed this position with four years in the pulpit of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va. He went to Piedmont College from Richmond.

George C. Bellingrath is a native of Atlanta, and he retains his Georgia interests by maintaining membership in the Synod of Georgia. He received his BA degree from Davidson College in 1918, his BD degree from Union Theological Seminary of Richmond in 1923 and his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1928.

Dr. Bellingrath continues to preach as a guest speaker throughout the two synods on various occasions. He serves regularly as supply pastor of the Edgefield (S. C.) Presbyterian Church. He is married to the former Miss Margaret Shive of Decatur, Ga., and they have one daughter.

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